MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government have arranged for the sale of the following commodities outside the State with the concurrence of the Food Department of the Government of India, since these are not required for consumption in the State on account of improvement in the rice position:—

Jowar	...	11,099 tons
Bajra	...	2,389 „
Maida	...	3,620 „
Indian Maize	...	3,000 „

Stock of food grains purchased.

138. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government hold as stock now (10-10-1120) any paddy or food grains purchased in 1118, and if so, the quantity of each variety so held?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government do not hold any such stock now.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Improvement of Irrigation tanks.

26. **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent in 1119 for the improvement of irrigation tanks and the number of tanks restored in Chirayinkil taluk; and

(*b*) the number of tanks proposed to be restored in 1120 and the names of the tanks with the pakuthies in which they are situated in the above taluk?

DEWAN BAHADUR L.VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Rs. 1,480. No tank was restored in the taluk during the year.

(*b*) Three:—(1) Pazhanchira in Melkadakkavur pakuthi.

(2) Melakonathu chira, Survey No. 23810 in Kunthallur pakuthi.

(3) Nambiarkonathu chira, Survey No. 2852 in Ollor pakuthi.

Government Manure.

27. **MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of Government manure (compost manure) sold to Kottarakara and Quilon taluks respectively this year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Quilon Municipality is reported to have sold this year 1346 Madras Paras of compost manure in Quilon Taluk and 466 Madras Paras of compost manure in Kottarakara Taluk.

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